[10th February 1955

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Have the Government issued summary orders for the collection of loans that were advanced in 1952 for digging wells in Malabar? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Only the usual orders have been issued and nothing very particular."

Government Hospital, Tellicherry.

* 595 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the average strength of in-patients in the Tellicherry Government Hospital per month in 1954; and

(b) the sanctioned bed-strength of the maternity ward in the said hospital and the average strength of in-patients per month in that ward in 1954?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The daily average number of in-patients treated in the Hospital during the first ten months of 1954 was 184·4.

" (b) The sanctioned bed strength of the labour ward of the hospital is only 8, but labour cases are admitted in the ward for women also. The daily average number of labour cases conducted in the first ten months of 1954 was 59·4."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" As the hospital is now overcrowded and many persons seeking admission are not getting beds for want of room, will the Government be pleased to construct temporary sheds in order to accommodate more patients? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" It is not considered either desirable or necessary to construct temporary sheds anywhere."

Misappropriation of the Provident Fund amount of the workers of the Standard Cotton and Silk Weaving Company, Kozhikode, by the management.

* 596 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum from Sri K. P. Gopalan, M.L.A., on 10th July 1954, alleging that the management of the Standard Cotton and Silk Weaving Company, Kozhikode, Malabar, have misappropriated Rs. 81,000 out of the Provident Fund of the workers which is to be deposited in a bank under the supervision of the Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The State Government are not concerned with the subject-matter of the question. It is however understood that the letter referred